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U.S. Patent No. 4,820,534 and the R. Arshady article were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart European patent application. A copy of the search report dated June 30, 2003, is submitted herewith.

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1. U. S. Serial No. 10/379,080, filed March 4, 2003, for Nutrient Clusters for Food Products and Methods of Preparation, inventors Evenson et al.

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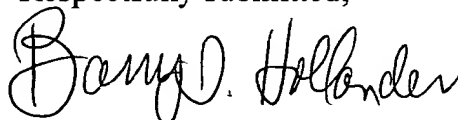
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